

# Bosnian-Croatian-Montenegrin-Serbian

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## 1 Overview

<b>Language family:</b>	Indo-European (Slavic)
<b>Countries:</b>	Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia
<b>Number of speakers:</b>	21 million
<b>Agreement features:</b>	number, person
<b>Attested word orders:</b>	SV
<b>Coordination types:</b>	and, or

(The data were entered by a native speaker from Serbia via an online survey.)

## 2 Patterns for number

### 2.1 Coordination with “and”

#### 2.1.1 SV order

**Pattern:** The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

**Examples:**

- (1) Dečak i muškarac trče.  
boy.SG and man.SG run.3PL  
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. Dečaci i muškarac trče.  
boy.PL and man.SG run.3PL  
‘The boys and the man run.’  
b. Dečak i muškarci trče.  
boy.SG and man.PL run.3PL  
‘The boy and the men run.’

### 2.2 Coordination with “or”

#### 2.2.1 SV order

**Pattern:** The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

**Examples:**

- (3) Dečak ili muškarac trče.  
boy.SG or man.SG run.3PL  
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (4) a. Dečaci ili muškarac trče.  
boy.PL or man.SG run.3PL  
‘The boys or the man run.’  
b. Dečak ili muškarci trče.  
boy.SG or man.PL run.3PL  
‘The boy or the men run.’

### 3 Patterns for person

#### 3.1 Coordination with “and”

##### 3.1.1 SV order

**Pattern:** Person seems to follow a hierarchy. (If there is a first person conjunct, the verb is marked for first person. (Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

**Examples:**

- (5) a. Ti i ja trčimo.  
you and I run.1PL  
‘You and I run.’  
b. Ja i ti trčimo.  
I and you run.1PL  
‘I and you run.’
- (6) a. Mi i oni trčimo.  
we and they run.1PL  
‘We and they run.’  
b. Oni i mi trčimo.  
they and we run.1PL  
‘They and we run.’

#### 3.2 Coordination with “or”

##### 3.2.1 SV order

**Pattern:** In combinations of 1st and 2nd person, person is resolved to first person; in combinations of 1st and 3rd person, there is closest conjunct agreement.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	3pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

**Examples:**

- (7) a. Ti ili ja trčimo.  
you or I run.1PL  
‘You or I run.’  
b. Ja ili ti trčimo.  
I or you run.1PL  
‘I or you run.’

- (8) a. Mi ili oni trče.  
we or they run.3PL  
'We or they run.'
- b. Oni ili mi trčimo.  
they or we run.1PL  
'They or we run.'